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PATENT APPLICATION

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In re Application of:

MASANORI WAKAI ET AL.

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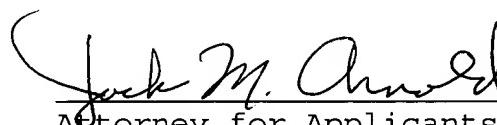
Applicants hereby claim priority under the International Convention and all rights to which they are entitled under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based upon the following Japanese Priority Application:

10-366928 filed December 24, 1998

A certified copy of the priority document is enclosed.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our New York office by telephone at (212) 218-2100. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,



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